

WGSA RULES – Majors 2019 Rules

- A regulation game shall consist of seven innings.
- The pitching distance shall be 40 feet.
- The base distance shall be 60 feet.
- The offensive team shall bat until three outs are made or until five runs have scored in the half inning. The “Five Run Rule” does not apply in the last inning of the game.
- The “Mercy Rule” shall apply. If a team is leading its’ opponent by at least 12 runs after four innings, 10 runs after five innings, or 8 runs after six innings, the game shall be terminated and the team in front declared the winner.
- Teams playing in the Majors Division will have players will consist of players 12 and older and only WGSA approved 15 and 16 year old players. Players aged 15 and 16 must be skilled to the ability of the league which will be assessed at the discretion of the WGSA Board.
- Teams may begin and play game with 7 players. Less than 7 players will cause a team to forfeit.
- Teams may borrow players from any team in the same age group or below to avoid a forfeit. Borrowing may also take place from the Wolcott 10U and/or 12U Travel Program. The 10U and 12U Travel Head Coaches will provide the WGSA Board of Directors with the names of players from their program that would be suitable to assist and not dominate in the game. This list will be approved by the Board of Directors prior to allowing players to be borrowed.
- If a player identified as Travel is a pitcher, that pitcher must be approved by the coaches and Board of Directors as an appropriate pitcher for the division. Travel pitchers that are too dominant will not be allowed to pitch in this rec league. The purpose of this is to keep the games reasonably competitive at this level.
- Games will start at 6pm. There will be a 15 minute grace period to allow for missing players to arrive if the team is unable to field a team at 6pm.
- Last inning will be called by 1 hour 15 minutes in accordance with the designated time frame of 1 hour 30 minutes, or the completion of a full 7 inning game, whichever comes first.
- The infield fly rule SHALL apply.
- The dropped third strike rule IS in effect.

- There is NO limit on pitchers innings – It is recommended that pitchers pitch three innings per game however discretion will be left to coaches.
- If a pitcher hits 3 batters in an inning, the pitcher must be removed for the remainder of the inning. If eligible, the pitcher may return to pitch the next inning.
- It is recommended that an APPROVED manager or coach be on the bench at all times.
- All play is ended when the ball is returned to the pitching circle.
- The Base coaches shall be managers or coaches. One manager or coach shall remain in the dugout at all times. If a manager or coach is not used, a player in uniform may be used as the other coach. All players must wear helmets when serving as base coaches.
- It is recommended that offensive players should slide to avoid contact with the fielders. The intent of the rule is to ensure runners do not intentionally run into defensive players. The fielders must not obstruct the offensive players from running the bases.